

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Accidental poisonings can cause serious illness or death; and,

Whereas, Over-the-counter and prescription medications, household cleaning items, and insecticides are most often the cause of poisoning death; and,

Whereas, South Dakota generates over 6,000 poison exposure calls and transports 500 patients by ambulance due to poison exposures each year; and,

Whereas, Most poisonings occur in children age six or younger and can be treated in the home with the direction of a certified Poison Control Center; and,

Whereas, Sioux Valley Poison Center provides this service to the residents of South Dakota 24 hours per day, every day, free of cost; and,

Whereas, The Sioux Valley Poison Education Center provides educational materials and poison prevention education to reduce the incidence of unintentional poisonings in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, National Poison Prevention Week is March 19 through March 25, 2006:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 19-25, 2006, as

POISON PREVENTION WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.



M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State